

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	S1: 20cr0052 (DLC)
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EDGAR MONTES,	:	
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Defendant.	:	
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DENISE COTE, District Judge:

The defendant Edgar Montes having informed the Court that he prefers that the July 29, 2020 conference proceed as a videoconference, as opposed to an in person proceeding, it is hereby

ORDERED that the July 29, 2020 conference is rescheduled for Monday, **July 27, 2020** at **11:00 a.m.** to occur using the CourtCall platform. As the conference is to discuss the substitution of counsel in this case, both new counsel, César de Castro, and outgoing counsel, James Roth, must participate in the July 27 conference. Mr. Castro is reminded that he will be given an opportunity to speak with the defendant by telephone for fifteen minutes before the proceeding begins (i.e., at **10:45 a.m.**). Mr. Castro should make sure to answer at that time the telephone number that he previously provided to Chambers.

To optimize the quality of the video feed, the Court, the defendant, counsel for the Government, and Mr. Castro will

appear by video for the proceeding; all others, including Mr. Roth, will participate by telephone. Due to the limited capacity of the CourtCall system, only one counsel may participate for the Government; only Mr. Castro and Mr. Roth may participate for the defendant. Co-counsel, members of the press, and the public may access the audio feed of the conference by calling **855-268-7844** and using access code **67812309#** and PIN **9921299#**.

In advance of the conference, Chambers will email the parties with further information on how to access the conference. Those participating by video will be provided a link to be pasted into their browser. **The link is non-transferrable and can be used by only one person;** further, it should be used **only** at the time of the conference because using it earlier could result in disruptions to other proceedings.

To optimize use of the CourtCall technology, all those participating by video should:

1. Use the most recent version of Firefox, Chrome, or Safari as the web browser. Do **not** use Internet Explorer.
2. Use hard-wired internet or WiFi. If using WiFi, the device should be positioned as close to the Wi-Fi router as possible to ensure a strong signal. (Weak signals may cause delays or dropped feeds.)
3. Minimize the number of others using the same WiFi router during the conference.

Further, all participants must identify themselves every time they speak, spell any proper names for the court reporter, and take care not to interrupt or speak over one another. Finally, all of those accessing the conference – whether in listen-only mode or otherwise – are reminded that recording or rebroadcasting of the proceeding is prohibited by law.


If CourtCall does not work well enough and the Court decides to transition to its teleconference line, counsel should call **888-363-4749** and use access code **4324948#**. (Members of the press and public may call the same number, but will not be permitted to speak during the conference.) In that event, and in accordance with the Court's Emergency Individual Rules and Practices in Light of COVID-19, available at https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/practice_documents/DC%20Cote%20COVID-19%20Emergency%20Individual%20Practices%20-%20June%2030%2C%202020%20.pdf, counsel should adhere to the following rules and guidelines during the hearing:

1. Counsel should use a landline whenever possible, should use a headset instead of a speakerphone, and must mute themselves whenever they are not speaking to eliminate background noise. In addition, counsel should not use voice-activated systems that do not allow the user to know when someone else is trying to speak at the same time.
2. To facilitate an orderly teleconference and the creation of an accurate transcript, counsel are

required to identify themselves every time they speak. Counsel should spell any proper names for the court reporter. Counsel should also take special care not to interrupt or speak over one another.

3. If there is a beep or chime indicating that a new caller has joined while counsel is speaking, counsel should pause to allow the Court to ascertain the identity of the new participant and confirm that the court reporter has not been dropped from the call.

Dated: New York, New York
July 22, 2020



DENISE COTE
United States District Judge